

## SENATE BILL NO. 107

INTRODUCED BY D. LEWIS

BY REQUEST OF THE FIRE SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL INCLUDES PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT FOR FUELS MITIGATION AND FIRE SUPPRESSION; AMENDING SECTION 20-31-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 20-31-103, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-31-103. Purpose of school.** (1) The purpose of the fire services training school is to:

(4)(A) provide fire service personnel, INCLUDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, with professional training, including specific training on mechanized equipment for fuels mitigation and fire suppression;

(2)(B) identify new methods of fire prevention and suppression and disseminate information about them;

(3)(C) provide a resource center for use by local fire services;

(4)(D) provide testing and certification for personnel and apparatus; and

(5)(E) coordinate fire services training in the state.

(2) UNLESS INCLUDED IN A SPECIFIC GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FROM THE LEGISLATURE, GENERAL FUND MONEY MAY NOT BE USED FOR SPECIFIC TRAINING ON MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT FOR FUELS MITIGATION AND FIRE SUPPRESSION PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (1)(A).

(3) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (1)(A) REQUIRES THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL TO PURCHASE MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINING PURPOSES."

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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